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**PATENT  
5298-05700/PM01016**

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Application of:

Collier et al.

Serial No. 09/899,871

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For: **METHOD AND SYSTEM FOR  
CLEANING A POLISHING PAD**

§ Group Art Unit: 3723

§ Examiner: Wilson, L.

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**AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL REJECTION PURSUANT TO 37 CFR § 1.116**

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Dear Sir/ Madam:

This paper is submitted to expedite the resolution of the presently claimed case on appeal. In particular, the paper is submitted in response to an Examiner's Answer mailed March 17, 2004 in response to an Appeal Brief filed October 6, 2003.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims, which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 6 of this paper.